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INTRODUCTION

Sun fun Malaysian style is what our beach resorts offer you: miles of golden sands fringed by casuarinas or gently swaying coconut palms. And to ensure that nothing spoils your holiday mood, comfortable hotel facilities are available wherever you go.

Visit Langkawi, the fabled islands, rich in both lush tropical scenery and ancient folklore. Or peaceful, enchanting Pangkor, where the fishing is superb and the sea inviting. Port Dickson, just a couple of hours drive from the federal capital of Kuala Lumpur, offers a holiday by the sea. There is also Penang Island, long known to visitors as "The Pearl of the Orient", with its miles of unspoilt beaches, charming, mysterious cover, and lots of water sport. If you have the time, never miss the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia where you will find some of the most beautiful beaches in the world – quiet, unspoilt and lapped by the waves of the South China Sea. The many offshore islands offer good fishing and for the snorkel enthusiasts there are beautiful corals and fascinating marine life to be discovered. The islands of Redang, Perhentian and Tioman are all easily accessible by boat from the mainland.

Whichever Malaysian beach resort you choose you will find the fun you seek. Sun fun Malaysia is more than just a slogan – it's reality you will love.

LANGKAWI

ISLES OF LEGENDS

This group of 99 islands lying off the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia offers some of the loveliest and most beautiful scenery to be found in the country. Green jungles begin from the golden beaches and rise to mist-covered mountain peaks. From the beginning you will sense the mystery of this land of legends.

The jungle blooms with wild orchids, some not to be found anywhere else in Malaysia and colourful butterflies vie with the exotic brilliance of tropical flowers.

For those who prefer a more quiet and secluded holiday, the many beaches of Langkawi with their sandy beaches, golden sands and tropical jungle right to the edge of the sea are irresistible.

Those who prefer more vigorous activities can find facilities for fishing, skin-diving, hill-climbing and cave exploration. Do remember to take home gifts and souvenirs for Langkawi is now a duty free island.

Sightseeing

Langkawi has been aptly named "The Land of Legends". The scenic beauty of many sites in the islands is enhanced by fascinating legends.

Tasek Dayang Bunting (The Lake of the Pregnant Maiden) is a fresh water lake on the island of Dayang Bunting, the second largest island in the group.

Legend has it that a married couple who had been childless for nineteen years came to this lake. The wife drank some water from this lake and in due course gave birth to a baby girl. Some locals also tell the story of a princess from the state of Kedah who drowned herself when she was not allowed to marry the man she loved.

The Tomb of Mahsuri is a must for lovers of folklore. The story goes that a Malay princess was executed for adultery. But she proved her innocence

when white blood streamed from her body at the execution. Today her tomb has become a shrine.

Apart from Tasek Dayang Bunting and The Tomb of Mahsuri, there is Gua Cherita (The Cave of Stories), an old cave inscribed with ancient writing from the holy Koran, the Waterfall with Seven Pools which is a popular holiday hideaway for Malaysian tourists, a marble quarry and also Gua Langsir near where a lot of marble-shaped pebbles are found.

How to get there

You can get to Langkawi by air or ferry.

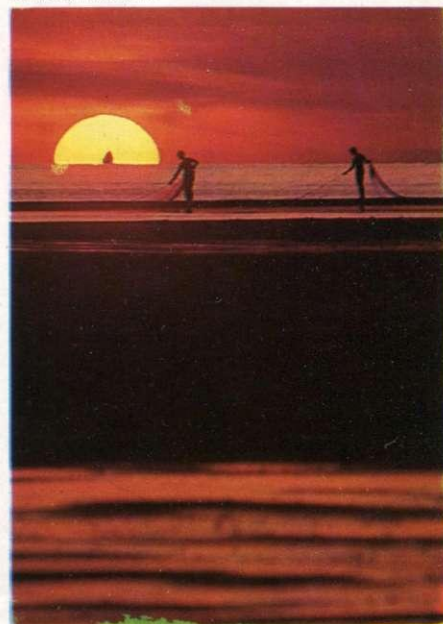
From Penang

By air: MAS flies daily from Kuala Lumpur to Langkawi via Penang. The one-way fares are as follows:

Kuala Lumpur – Langkawi	M\$112.00
Penang – Langkawi	M\$ 42.00

By sea: The ferry *Gadis Langkasuka* leaves Penang on alternate Fridays at 2300 hrs. and returns the following Sunday at 0900 hrs. The fares are

Sunset at Pantai Rhu.



M\$35.00 one-way and M\$65.00 for a return. For further enquiries contact: Sanren Delta Marine Sdn. Bhd. Tel: 04-379325 or Asian Overland Services Sdn. Bhd. Tel: 03-2925622

From Kuala Perlis.

By sea: Six ferry boats and a hovercraft provide scheduled crossing between Kuala Perlis and Langkawi. The fare varies from M\$4.50 to M\$10.00 reflecting the speed of the service. The slowest ferry takes 1¾ hours while the hovercraft, the fastest, takes approximately 35 minutes.

Note: On Langkawi island, taxis operate from the landing point to Kuah, the main town. The fare is \$1.00 per head on a shared taxi basis.

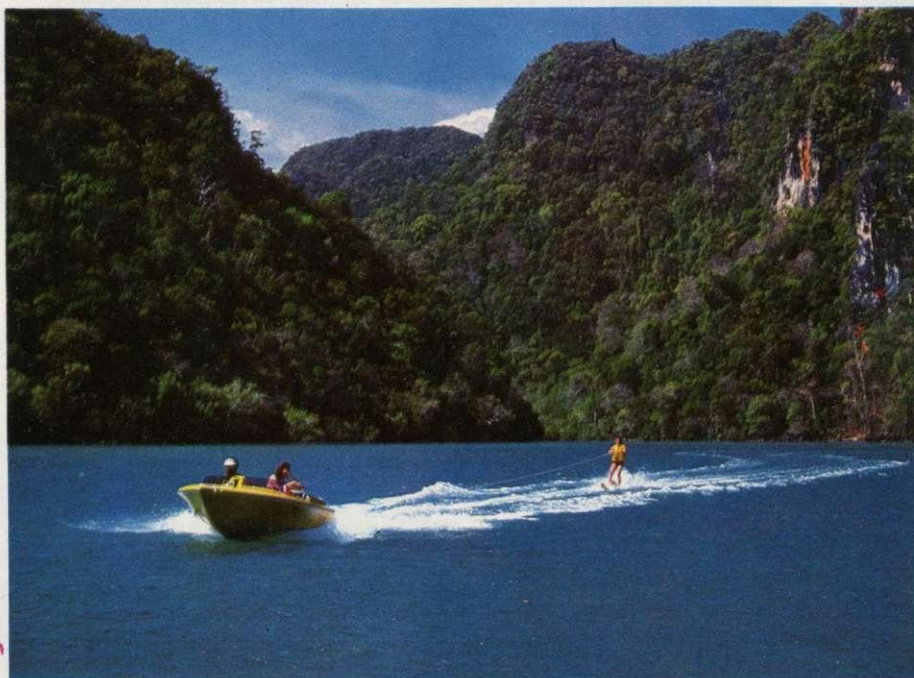
Accommodation

Hotel Asia	04-788216	15 rooms From M\$21.00 to \$48.30
Hotel Langkawi	04-788248	13 rooms From M\$12.00 to \$40.00
Mutiara Beach Hotel	04-788488	68 rooms From M\$70.00 to M\$120.00
Langkawi Island Resort	04-788209 04-788252	219 rooms From \$95.00 to \$800.00

Map of Pulau Langkawi



The ferry that plies between Penang and Langkawi



Water-skiing offshore Pulau Langkawi

PENANG

PEARL OF THE ORIENT

Penang Island has always been a favourite retreat for those familiar with its beauty. It is an unspoilt tropical island in the sun where food and tap water are safe and English is widely spoken as is the case with most parts of Peninsular Malaysia. Situated just 3 kilometres off the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Penang is no more than a jet-hour away from most major capital cities of Southeast Asia.

The hub of Penang Island is the city of Georgetown, its capital, where half a million people representing almost all the major civilizations and religions of the world have created a new, unique, immensely varied and exciting society. Here, history and culture are represented by a fascinating mixture of Malay, Chinese, Indian and British colonial art and architecture. It is also a gourmet's heaven, where one can sample almost all the best delicacies of both east and west.

Penang is in many ways unique. On the one hand it is a quiet holiday resort with world-renowned stretches of clean, golden beaches and cool jungle walks high up in the hills. On the other it is a sophisticated metropolis with centuries of experience in trade and commerce with all parts of the world. Penang has all the excitement and all the amenities to offer for a perfect holiday. Little wonder therefore that visitors have fondly described it as "Pearl of the Orient" and "Emerald Isle".

The beaches

The best way for a visitor to see the beautiful beaches of Penang is to take a drive round the island, a distance of a little more than 64 kilometres. Proceeding from the city of Georgetown, you drive towards the town of Bagan Jermal. The road parallels the coast and passes by the



Penang Bridge

fishing village of Tanjong Tokong from where the fine beaches spread all along the coast. The beaches of Tanjong Bungah (Cape of Flowers), Batu Feringgi (Portuguese Rock), Teluk Bahang (The Glowing Bay), overshadowed and protected by Muka Head, all have soft, golden sands secluded between rocky promontories and shaded by coconut trees and casuarinas. They have made Penang world-renowned as Southeast Asia's premier holiday island in the sun.

Side attractions

Places of interest are many and varied in Penang and you are advised to visit or write to the Penang Development Corporation for details of all available attractions as well as road maps. This brochure will however provide details of the main attractions to be seen in Penang.

The Botanical Gardens

These gardens are among the finest in the country. Set in a valley surrounded by rolling hills landscaped with flowering plants and inhabited by friendly monkeys, the Botanical Gardens of Penang contain fascinating flora collected from various parts of Malaysia.

Kek Lok Si Temple and Monastery

Located at the foot of the hills in the village of Ayer Itam, this temple and monastery complex houses giant-sized statues of the Four Heavenly Kings in Chinese mythology, who guard the northern, southern, eastern and western gates of heaven. The seven-storied pagoda in this complex which rises distinctly into the skyline contains Buddha images from numerous countries.

The Snake Temple

About 14 kilometres to the south of Georgetown is the unique Snake Temple, dedicated to Chor Soo Kong, a Taoist deity whose disciples include snakes which you will find coiled on incense burners, altars and beams in the temple.

Temples and Other Religious Buildings

Among outstanding religious buildings that should be visited are the Kapitan Kling Mosque, Goddess of Mercy Temple, the Hindu Nattuk Kottai Temple in Jalan Utama, and the Wat Chayamangkalaram which has one of the largest reclining



Penang Bridge

Penang Bridge links the island to the mainland Butterworth. All vehicles entering the island via this bridge are subjected to toll and the toll rates are as follows:

Motorcycles	M\$1.60
Motorcar	M\$7.00
Lorry/Van/Bus (2-axes, 4 wheels)	M\$12.00

Shopping

Penang has developed a big trade in watches, cameras and similar articles. A wide selection of curios as well as oriental and occidental goods are available in a large number of shops.

Eating out

In Penang you can get something excitingly different to eat each day: spicy Indian curry and rice, a sumptuous Chinese dinner or the Malaysian delicacy "satay" as well as Penang's speciality "laksa" and many varieties of sea food.

Getting there

A fleet of ferry boats operate between Butterworth and Penang. The car and passenger ferry takes 20 minutes for the crossing.

Fares: Adult – 40 sen
Children – 20 sen
Cars 1201cc – 1600cc M\$5.00
more than 1600cc M\$6.00

Penang receives international flights from Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Medan and Madras as well as domestic flights from the other cities

Batu Feringgi Beach.

in Malaysia. Bayan Lepas airport is 16 kilometres from Georgetown and 36 kilometres from the beach hotels. Coupon taxi service to town or beach resort from the airport costs approximately:

Town	M\$16.00
Beach Hotels	M\$23.00

By outstation taxi to Butterworth.

Fare from Kuala Lumpur. M\$27.00 per person or M\$104.00 per charter taxi.

By express bus to Butterworth.

Fare from Kuala Lumpur M\$15.50 in air-conditioned coach.
\$13.00 – non-aircon.

Accommodation

There is a wide range of accommodation available, from luxury class to economy price hotels as well as seaside.

Bayview Beach Hotel Batu Feringgi 11100 Penang	04-811311	74 rooms From \$80.00 to \$170.00
Casuarina Beach Hotel Batu Feringgi 11100 Penang	04-811711	175 rooms From \$140.00 – \$380.00
Feringgi Beach Hotel	04-811289	136 rooms From \$170.00 to \$400.00
Golden Sands Hotel Batu Feringgi Beach 11100 Penang	04-811911	310 rooms From \$165.00 to \$400.00
Holiday Inn, Penang* Batu Feringgi Beach 11100 Penang	04-811601	54 rooms From \$125.00 to \$320.00
Lone Pine Hotel 97, Batu Feringgi 11100 Penang	04-811511/ 04-811512	54 rooms From \$55.00 to \$75.00
Orchard Sun Hotel Tanjong Bungah 11200 Penang	04-891111	323 rooms From \$80.00 to \$800.00
Palm Beach Hotel 105-A, Batu Feringgi 11100 Penang	04-811621	145 rooms From \$90.00 to \$140.00
Rasa Sayang Hotel Batu Feringgi Beach	04-811811	320 rooms From \$130.00 to \$2200.00

Buddhas in the country. There are also many ornate "kongsi" or community houses such as the Khoo Kongsi.

Penang Hill Railway

A funicular train takes visitors up the 701 metre Penang Hill. From the top, a magnificent panorama of sky, sea, beaches, junks, fishing boats and steamers can be seen spread out below. Upon the hill, the temperature drops to 18°C. This is a welcome change from the often high humidity present below. From the lower station at Air Itam, there is a half-hourly service from 6.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Return rates are as follows:

Adult M\$3.00
Children (under 12) M\$1.50

Penang Hill is very popular during week-ends, school holidays and public holidays.

PANGKOR

ISLAND IN THE SUN

Lazing in the sun, swimming, waterskiing, scuba diving, shell collecting, coral hunting – these are some of the activities that have made the island of Pangkor and its smaller neighbours wonderful holiday islands.

There are 2 beaches here more popular than most. Pasir Bogak has hotels and chalets complete with facilities for most water sports. There is a mini camp, consisting of a few triangular-shaped huts with thatched roofs, which are rented out to visitors at very reasonable rates.

Pantai Puteri Dewi commonly known as Golden Sand has slender coconut palms with feather-like leaves which form the backdrop to the white, soft sandy beach. It offers facilities ranging from Malaysian style chalets to air-conditioned first class hotels. It is an international resort complex providing all sea-sport amenities as well as pony rides, besides the more leisurely pursuit of leading the life of a south-east islander.

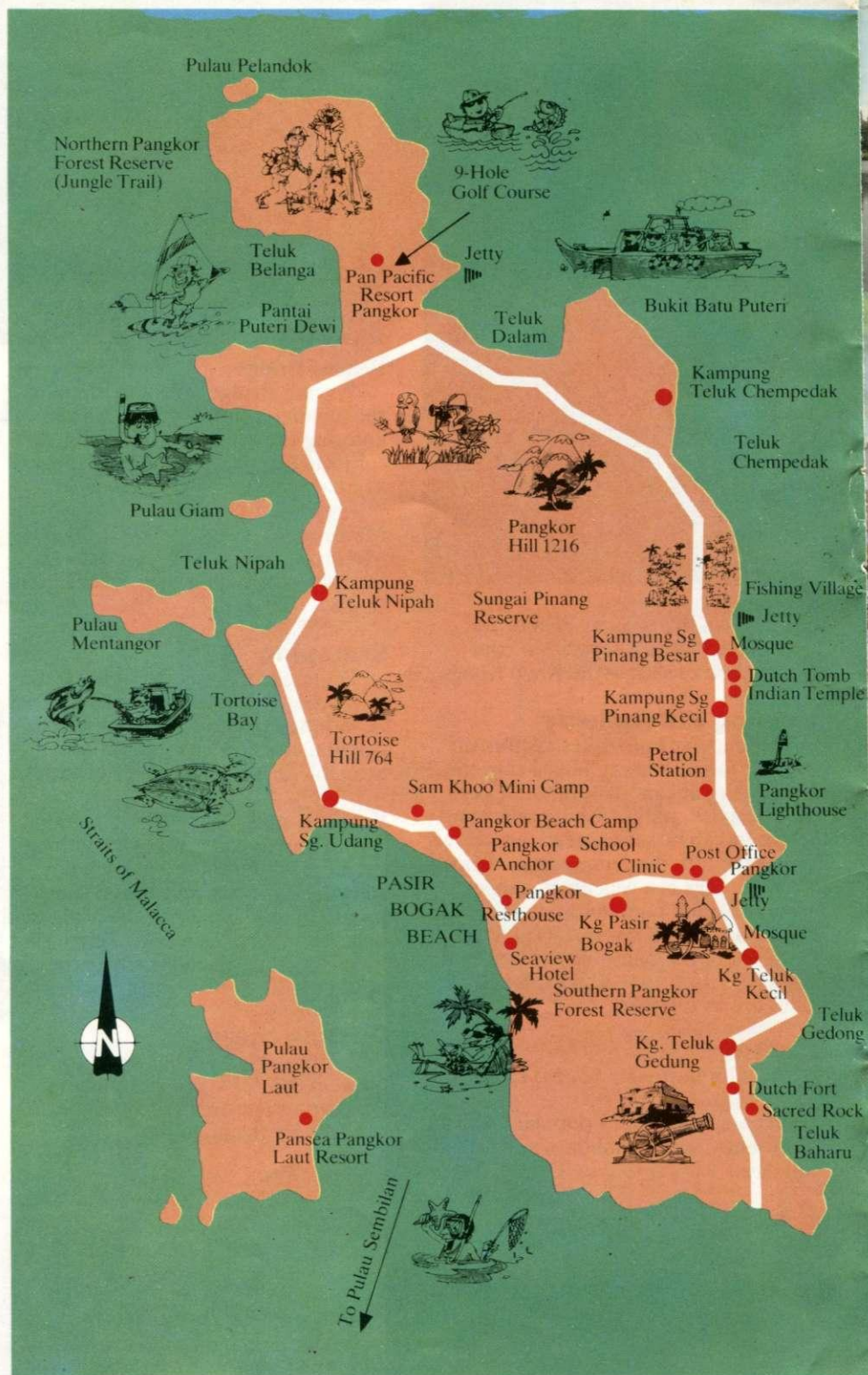
For the more adventurous, there are speedboats available for exhilarating rides to islands like Pulau Pangkor Laut, Pulau Mentagor and Pulau Sembilan. Emerald Bay is located on the seaward side of Pulau Pangkor Laut. Many coral seekers come here as well as others interested in solitude and beauty of sun and sea.

Other attractions

Lumut – the jumping-off town on the mainland to Pangkor Island – is well-known for its picturesque sea front and is the venue of the annual Sea Carnival which attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Besides sea sport events, cultural shows are presented during the carnival.

On the east side of Pangkor Island itself, about 3.2 kilometres south of Pangkor village and easily accessible by road, is Teluk Gedong (Godown



Map of Pangkor Island.

Bay), so called because in the 18th century, the Dutch had a godown there. The remains of the fort constructed in 1690 to guard the southern entrance to the Dinding Channel are still standing strong. Nearby is a rock showing many interesting carvings done by the Dutch soldiers who manned the fort.

The fishermen's villages here are also of great interest to visitors who like to photograph the boats and junks with fishermen mending nets alongside the picturesque thatched houses.

How to get there

At present there are no regular air services to Lumut or Pangkor but charter flights can normally be arranged through the Flying Clubs of Perak, Penang and Kuala Lumpur, to Sitiawan Airstrip, 11 kilometres from Lumut.

By road, Pangkor is easily accessible from the towns of Ipoh, Taiping and Kuala Kangsar on the main north/south highway. There are regular express bus services from Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Butterworth to Lumut. A half-hour ferry ride from Lumut will bring you to Pangkor Island. The ½ hourly services start at 8.00 a.m. and end at 6.45 p.m.

Accommodation

Beach Huts Hotel	05-951159	33 rooms
Pantai Pasir Bogak		5 Chalets
Pulau Pangkor		From \$30.00 to \$70.00
Government Rest House	05-951236	2 Chalets
Pasir Bogak		1 Longhouse
Pulau Pangkor		From \$15.00
Pan Pacific Resort	05-951091	161 rooms
Pulau Pangkor	03-2913757	From \$150.00 to \$280.00
The Pansea	05-951320	94 rooms
Pangkor Laut	03-2421589	From \$70.00 to \$90.00
Pulau Pangkor		
Sam Khoo's Mini Camp	05-951164	From \$4.20 to \$5.20 per head/per night
Pulau Pangkor		
Sea View Hotel	05-951605	37 rooms
Pasir Bogak		From \$55.00 to \$75.00
Pangkor Island.		

PORT DICKSON

THE IDEAL SEA-SIDE RESORT

One of the best known of Malaysia's sea-side resorts and perhaps the favourite playground of Malaysians during their holidays and weekends, is Port Dickson with its eighteen kilometres of gently sloping beaches shaded by tall, feathery casuarina and banyan trees.

The light sea-breezes of the Straits of Malacca temper the tropical heat of the day and invite you to frolic in the sun, sand and sea.

Water-skiing and surfboard riding are very popular and boats with out-board motors are available for hire. Deep-sea fishing gear can also be hired.

Side attractions

Excursions can be made from Port Dickson to Cape Rachado, where there is a light-house. From here the magnificent coastline can be seen and, on clear days, the outline of Sumatra, Indonesia.

Visitors may also become temporary members of the Port Dickson Club which usually holds races and cruises.

Port Dickson is only about two hours drive by car from the Federal Capital, Kuala Lumpur, six hours from Singapore and about an hour's drive from Malacca. Stop by the picturesque town of Seremban with its park-like lake gardens, its handsome new mosque and the quaint Negri houses with their huge gabled, horn-shaped roofs.

The road through Malacca affords the opportunity to discover ancient Malay, Chinese, Portuguese and Dutch relics of this historic city.

Accommodation

Accommodation ranges from Government holiday bungalows to hotels which nestle under the tall casuarinas and open immediately on to the beach. Many have pleasant gardens with tables for outdoor meals.

The following are some leading hotels:

Lido Hotel	06-405273	22 rooms
8th Mile		From \$22.00 to \$30.00
Teluk Kemang		
Port Dickson		
Ming Court	06-405244	165 rooms
Beach Hotel		From \$140.00 to \$350.00*
11 Km Jalan Pantai		
Port Dickson		
Pantai Motel	06-405265	22 rooms
9th Mile		From \$20.00 to \$35.00
Port Dickson		
Si Rusa Inn	06-405244	160 rooms
Batu 7 Jalan Pantai		From \$120.00 to \$350.00
Port Dickson		

Windsurfing



EAST COAST & DESARU

SWAYING PALMS AND LONG SANDY BEACHES

Hundreds of miles of quiet, unspoilt, sandy beaches, picturesque villages clinging to the coastline – these are the pleasures awaiting visitors to Peninsular Malaysia's East Coast where Nature has been superbly generous.

Along this golden shore unmarred and unsullied by commercialism, you can have the immense breadth of a glittering beach to enjoy before you reach the rolling surf and clean waters of the warm South China Sea.

Tanjung Jara beach



The more popular spots, from south to north are Desaru, Kuantan, Cherating, up to the turtle beaches of Rantau Abang, Kuala Terengganu and Kota Bharu in the north. These spots are served with hotels and rest houses complete with modern amenities.

Along the East Coast lies international resorts such as the Club Mediterranee in Cherating, the Tanjung Jara Beach Hotel north of Dungun, Pantai Primula Hotel – a city resort right on the beach, the Hyatt Kuantan and Merlin Inn at Telok Cempedak and the hotel-resorts in Desaru. All these hotels provide international class accommodation with facilities that includes swimming pool, restaurants, sea-sports and other outdoor activities.

Side attractions

The East Coast is a land of enchantment for, apart from the beaches, it is the home of many Malaysian arts and

crafts. Here, the farmers fly giant kites, pitch their skills in playing out-sized tops, entertain fellow villagers with various cultural performances including the famous Wayang Kulit (Shadow Play). The East Coast too is the home of songket (Malaysian brocade) weavers, batik printers and painters, and craftsmen of Malaysia's famous silverware.

A visit to the East Coast would be delightfully interesting for here one can watch the traditional craftsmen at work or perhaps purchase original pieces of souvenir items at bargain prices.

A must, from May to September, is "turtle-watching". 1.5 to 2.5 metres long with a 2.5 metre flipper span, the leathery turtle (*Dermonchely coriacea*), believed extinct, was re-discovered in 1952 breeding on the beach in Rantau Abang.

Each year from the months of May to September, the turtles leave their homes to lay their eggs on the shores of the East Coast, particularly in Rantau Abang. Each turtle lays an average of a hundred eggs, each the size of a ping-pong ball. Watching and waiting for a turtle to clamber up the shore to lay its eggs is an unforgettable experience.

How to get there

Malaysian Airline System services the towns of Kota Bharu, Kuala Terengganu, Kuantan and Johor Bahru. The East Coast line of the Malayan Railway begins at Gemas, south of Kuala Lumpur, and goes through picturesque mountain and jungle scenery.

Motor tourists can drive from Singapore through Johor Bahru to Mersing and on to Kota Bharu close to the Thai border in the north; from Kuala Lumpur to Kuantan and either up north to Kota Bharu or south to Johor Bahru.

Express bus services are also available from Kuala Lumpur to these East Coast towns.

Accommodation

All along the East Coast there are rest houses, motels and hotels which accommodate visitors at very reasonable prices. They come up trumps with food too. Delicious Malaysian curries, noodles, cray-fish and European food are served.

Pantai Primula Hotel Jalan Persinggahan Kuala Terengganu	09-622100	173 rooms. From \$115.00 to \$300.00
Rantau Abang Visitors Centre 13th Mile, Jalan Dungun Dungun	09-841533	10 chalets From \$80.00 to \$90.00
Tanjong Jara Beach 8th Mile off Jalan Dungun, Dungun	09-841801	100 rooms From \$140.00 \$350.00
Motel Desa Bukit Pak Apil Kuala Terengganu	09-623438	20 rooms From \$90.00 to \$100.00
Perdana Hotel Jalan Mahmud Kota Bharu	09-785000	136 rooms From \$65.00 to \$400.00
Cherating Holiday Villa Lot 1303, Mukim Sungei Karang, Cherating	03-2434693 03-2481066	
Holiday Villages of Malaysia	09-591131	300 rooms
Club Mediterranee Cherating	09-591181	From \$165.00 to \$220.00
Hyatt Kuantan Telok Cempedak Kuantan	09-525211	185 rooms From \$130.00 to \$200.00
Merlin Inn Resort Telok Cempedak Kuantan	09-522388	106 rooms From \$100.00 to \$170.00
Ramada Beach Resort Kuantan	03-2414081 09-587544	162 rooms From \$110 to \$180

DESARU

Desaru – the Village of Casuarinas – is Johor's newest playground by the sea, 88 kilometres northeast of Johor Bahru. Situated on a 20 kilometre stretch of untouched beach at Penawar in the southeast corner of the Peninsular, it is easily accessible by road from Johor Bahru.

Desaru is a delightful place tucked away in all its natural aura of tropical

magic: lush jungles, grassy glades, cascading little falls, green hills, natural lakes and 27 kilometres of golden sands.

Sea-sporting enthusiasts will appreciate the joys of swimming, boating, canoeing, fishing and snorkelling while the more adventurous may want to explore secluded inlets, go pony-riding or trekking through the jungles. Golf enthusiasts can play on an 18-hole course of international standard. There are future plans for expanding the course to 36-holes.

Accommodation

Minangkabau-style chalets offer tastefully furnished Malaysian style accommodation. You can step out of your room onto the verandah and look out at the open sandy beach of South China Sea. There are first and luxury class hotels with facilities like shopping arcades, health centres, restaurants and other amenities.

For those who want to rough-it-out, Desaru offers facilities for a delightful camping experience. The flora and fauna of the surrounding virgin jungle, the rocky headland and the wide open sea make it a camper's paradise.

Desaru Merlin Inn Tanjung Penawar Kota Tinggi	07-838101	100 rooms From \$115.00 to \$280.00
Desaru View Hotel Tanjung Penawar Kota Tinggi	07-838221	134 rooms From \$150.00 to \$650.00
Desaru Holiday Resort Tanjung Penawar Kota Tinggi	07-821211	72 rooms From \$70.00 to \$200.00

Sailing near Desaru beach resort



Rantau Abang

TIOMAN, RAWA, PERHENTI- AN & SIBU BESAR

PULAU TIOMAN

Tioman is the largest of a group of 64 volcanic islands, the smallest of which is a mere rock jutting up from the sea. Thirty-eight kilometres long and 19 kilometres wide Pulau Tioman is a magnificent island in the sun, with good reefs for skin-diving and crystal-clear waters for swimming.

How to get there

By Air: Pelangi Air flies daily to Tioman from Kuala Lumpur and Singapore

By Sea: Hydrofoil serves daily from Mersing to Tioman. The timetable for launch departures is only made up one month in advance as departures depend on tides. Normally one trip a day is operated at around noon.

Fare:

Adult: M\$30.00

Child under 12: M\$15.00

Passenger boat service is also available through the Mersing Boat Association. Maximum capacity is 12 pax. Boats can also be hired.

Fare: M\$15 per head.

For further information, please contact:

Mersing Boat Association
Tel: 07-792501

Please note: It may be necessary to stay overnight at Mersing as the launch departure time is uncertain. Launch departures are subject to tides.

Accommodation

Pulau Tioman has a modern chalet-type hotel called the Tioman Island Resort. For reservations and enquiries, please contact:

Tioman Island Resort 09-44544/5 170 rooms
03-2305266 From \$75
to \$500

PULAU RAWA

Pulau Rawa lies just 16 kilometres off the coast of Mersing on the East Coast of Johor State. It is a haven for those who love the outdoors and the sea, for there are facilities for fishing, skin and scuba-diving, spearfishing, and even underwater photography.

Equipment for fishing, skin and scuba-diving are available for hire.

How to get there

Boats for hire are available to take parties of twelve and under to Rawa Island – a journey of 1¼ hours – and back for a round fare of M\$100. It is recommended that bookings should be made at least one week in advance.

Note: Rate for hire \$100 a boat or \$16.00 per person. \$8.00 per child under 8 years.

For further enquiries contact:

Rawa Safaris,
The Tourist Centre, Mersing, Johor.
Tel: 07-791204

Accommodation

Accommodation is available in large chalets which have verandahs, showers and toilets attached.

Rates: From M\$40 to M\$60 per chalet.

PULAU SIBU BESAR

Approximately 3 km long and 1 km wide, Pulau Sibu Besar abounds with lush tropical vegetation and endless stretches of golden beaches. Almost untouched by progress, the island offers visitors a refreshing hideaway. Nearby are the islands of Pulau Kukus, Pulau Lima and Pulau Sibu Tengah which are ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving.

How to get there

Two hours by boat from Mersing.

Fare: M\$15 per head.

For further information on boat services please contact:
Mersing Boat Association
Tel: 07-792501

Where to stay

Two chalets available:— Sibu island
Cabanas Tel: 07-317216 and the
Sea Gypsy Village Resort
Tel: 07-791101/102

PULAU BESAR

Located only 1½ hours boat ride from Mersing, ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving.

Fare: M\$15 per head.

For further information on boat services please contact:
Mersing Boat Association
Tel: 07-792501

Where to stay

Radin Island Resort
Pulau Besar, Mersing,
Jalan Abu Bakar,
86800 Mersing, Johor.

Tel: 07-793124
(Mersing)
07-416044
(Batu Pahat)

PULAU PERHENTIAN

There are of course several off-shore islands along the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia but among the most rewarding are the Perhentian Islands – Pulau Perhentian Besar and Pulau Perhentian Kecil.

There is a fishing village on the latter with a headman in charge. Fine coral reefs fringe the islands and the beaches are long and clean. For shell enthusiasts, there are fascinating varieties to be seen – the “scorpion”, the great “tiger cowrie” and the large “turban shell” being among the most attractive.

How to get there

The Perhentian Islands can be reached by launch from Besut or from Kuala Terengganu.

Where to stay

There is a three-room resthouse which may be rented by groups but reservations must be made in advance to the Besut District Office
Tel: 09-976328.

TANJUNG ARU & TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PARK

TANJUNG ARU

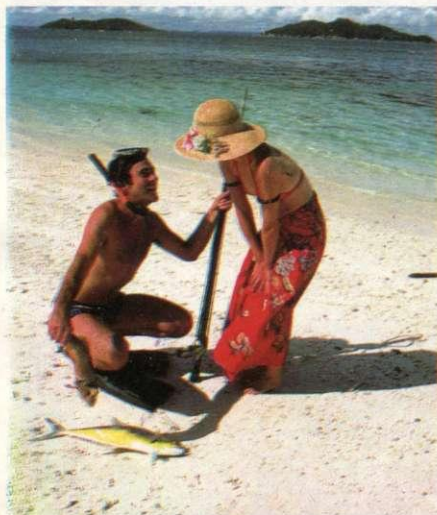
About 6 kilometres from Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, is the popular playground of Tanjong Aru with its beach of soft golden sand shaded by tall feathery casuarinas gently rustled and wafted by the cool breezes.

There is a restaurant as well as changing rooms with showers at this beach.

How to get there

Tanjong Aru is accessible by car, taxi or bus from Kota Kinabalu.

Most resort facilities include marine sports



Where to stay

Hyatt Kinabalu	088-219888	350 rooms
International Hotel		From \$185.00
Jalan Datuk Salleh		to \$1,250.00
Sulong, Kota Kinabalu		

Tanjong Aru Beach	088-587111	300 rooms
Hotel		From \$210.00
Tanjong Aru		to \$1,400
Kota Kinabalu		

TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PARK

For visitors who can spare a day or two longer in Kota Kinabalu, they are welcome to venture into the offshore islands of Tunku Abdul Rahman Park, about 15 minutes by speedboat from the mainland. A few of the islands have facilities for camping and basic facilities such as, showers and hiring of boats. Beach lovers can take pleasure in the fine sandy beaches and small private coves. The hotels in Tanjong Aru and Kota Kinabalu provide facilities for hiring of speedboats, scuba-diving and picnicking on these islands. These islands however, are administered by the Sabah Parks and visitors are advised to adhere to park rules. Hook and line fishing is permitted but collection of corals is forbidden. Future plan for one of the islands (Pulau Manukan) includes chalets, a club house and marine sports facilities.

The perfect way to relax



PANTAI DAMAI

The State of Sarawak has its own resort of tropical splendour: Damai Beach Resort, the latest holiday resort in Kuching. An idyllic getaway of peace and tranquility, the resort's facilities among others also include water skiing, wind surfing and sailing.

Sightseeing

Santubong Village just nearby is a picturesque Malay fishing village with Mt Santubong high in the background. Archaeological enthusiasts will find Santubong interesting as remains believed to be from early Chinese Dynasty have been discovered.

Spend a day in Kuching, where you can visit the renowned Sarawak State Museum, the State mosque, Chinese temples, the Istana and Fort Marguerita. Tours to nearby long-houses and river safaris are also available.

How to get there

Twenty minutes by coach from the airport to the ferry terminal. From Kuching town, Matang Transport Company have regular services to the same terminal. From this Bako/Kuching Road Terminal, the ferry ride takes 20 minutes down the Sarawak river, past a number of wharfs, custom sheds, marine offices and mangroves to the terminal in Santubong. From there, an air-con coach takes hotel guests to the resort.

Facilities: Restaurants, swimming pool, sea-sports, banquet and conference rooms, in-house video, all major credit cards accepted.

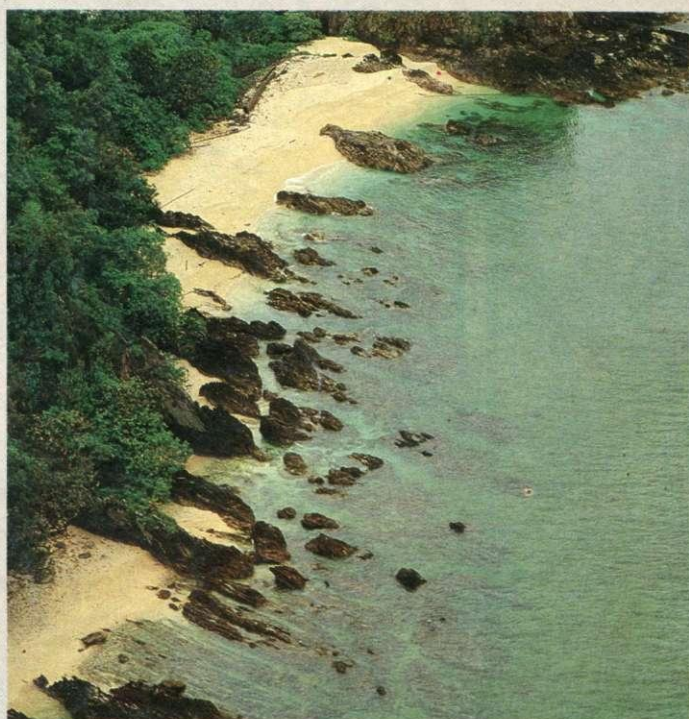
The fare is \$50.00 per trip per adult and \$3.00 for children under 12 years old per trip.

Accommodation

Damai Beach	082-411777	202 rooms
Resort		from \$180-
		\$700

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